



Corporation of the City of St. Catharines

GREEN COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, May 9 2012

5:05 to 6:45PM

St. Catharines City Hall, 50 Church Street: Committee Room 1

**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Tony Di Paola, David Haywood, Matt Holley, Lou Marcantonio, John Sheehan, James McWilliam, Mark Jemison  
Staff: Kristen Sullivan (RCS), Rick Tapp (PS)

**Regrets:** Dan Dillon, Matt Harris

**Absent:** Mujibar Rahman

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm with 7 members in attendance

**Review** of minutes from April 11, 2012

- All in favour
- Carried

**Correspondence**

- No correspondence to report

**Current Projects**

**1. Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority - 2012 Canopy for Kids**

- Planting took place on April 30 – May 2
- NPCA to conduct follow up inspection and will invite committee members to participate
- **ACTION:** D. Haywood to contact media outlets and municipal politicians for participate in follow up inspections

**2. Climate Action Niagara (CAN) and SchoolScape Project – Fruit Tree/Shrub**

- Concern regarding fruit trees which have a deeper root system and soil quality at Centennial Park, raised bed gardens have been encouraged previously and fruit shrubs should be accommodated in the raised beds
- **MOTION:** To fund fruit shrubs and materials at the Centennial Community garden (M. Holley)
  - i. Motion passed
- **MOTION:** To defer vote for the Western Hill Community Garden and Stokes facility until further information is available (M. Holley)
  - i. Motion Passed
- **ACTION:** K. Sullivan to request green committee signage and/or logo to be included on the community garden sign at Centennial Gardens

**3. Niagara West Train Station Revitalization**

- Landscaping contractor and potential partners willing to work with alterations to plan except for tree planting on the perimeter of parking lot due to potential development in the future
- **ACTION:** M. Holley, J. McWilliam, R. Tapp and K. Sullivan to meet and update the design plan

**4. North Pearson Park Arboretum**

- St. Catharines horticulture Society may have a Bur Oak available to donate through celebration of Queen's Jubilee – planting would be in September 2012
- **ACTION:** J. Sheehan to identify five endangered/at risk trees for planting, and determine availability at local greenhouses

**5. Flower Pot Program**

- Sold out as of May 29 (63 sold), typically disturbed the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June

**6. Trillium Awards**

- **MOTION:** To approve alterations that were circulated via email on April 30/12 (M. Holley)
  - i. Motion passed

**7. Tree Giveaway**

- 7 submissions received and to be voted on after Meeting
- **ACTION:** K. Sullivan to contact winners, arrange tree selection and obtain permission for media involvement
- **ACTION:** D. Haywood to contact media
- Trees will be delivered as soon as possible

**8. Geneva/406 Naturalization**

- All plantings complete as of May 7<sup>th</sup>
- Naturalization education/informational signs option discussed
- **MOTION:** To purchase 1 large and 2 small signs (M. Holley)
  - i. Motion passed

**2012 Proposed Projects**

**9. Fruit Tree Planting in Parks & Schools**

- Covered under discussion about Climate Action Niagara

**10. Green Committee Literature**

- Assembling pictures and finalizing design for brochure

**11. Merritt Trail (From Geneva to Glendale)**

- In progress, meeting with Merriton Community Group Tuesday, May 15
- J. McWilliam willing to develop a site plan

**12. Lawn Bowling Park – Hartzel/Seymour**

- In progress

**13. Entrance to City Greening – Thorold and St. Catharines on Merritt Street/Ormond**

- **ACTION:** J. McWilliam to develop design

**14. Eco-Friendly/Pesticide Free Educational Project**

- Move to idle list and include in any literature

**Idle Committee Projects**

**15. Port Dalhousie East/West Beautification**

- No changes

**16. Gateway Project – St. Paul & Louth**

- No changes

**17. James Street and St. Paul – Russell Lot**

- No changes

**18. Hartzel Road Beautification Funding**

- ‘Complete Streets’ report being developed by Planning Department, could be beneficial for Hartzel Road
- **MOTION:** To include committee feedback in report (M. Holley)
  - i. Motion passed

**19. Hydro One Corridor**

- New church on Pelham Road has a potential greening opportunity, possible partner for corridor project

**2012 Projects – New Projects and Suggestions**

**20. Critelli’s Furniture – King Street**

- Greening opportunity if design is low maintenance, in progress

**21. Sun Collision – Merritt Street**

- Opportunity for boulevard plantings, possible street trees

**22. Green Plan Review/update**

- 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2015, plan to be evaluated and updated

**23. Accessibility Committee Park Audits**

- Prioritizing accessibility of parks, which should be considered in future Committee projects

**Miscellaneous**

- Approximately 50 leftover seedlings from Earth Day and Pitch In Week
- Merritton Community Open House: dedicated to local development - Tuesday May 15<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm, Green Committee will be on hand to participate
- Glenridge median project in front of Cat's Caboose is being discussed between Councillors and upper level staff
- Request for appointment of new committee member to fill vacant seat

**Adjournment:** 6:45

**Next meeting:** Wednesday June 13, 2012  
5:00pm  
Ante Room